

HEDIS DATA FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS (CSHCN)

In recent years, the North Carolina Division of Medical Assistance (NC DMA) has focused on tracking and quality measures relating to access to services and quality of care for children with special healthcare needs (CSHCN). NC DMA uses the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) definition of CSHCN in conjunction with a self-identification questionnaire. The definition is based on eligibility categories (blind and disabled/SSI, foster child and adoption assistance) and self-identification based on a parent's or guardian's responses to five questions relating to the child's medical needs, use of specialists, and use of special equipment. The questionnaire was validated in 2000 by Consumer Assessment of Health Plan Survey (CAHPS) researchers.

This report is a subset of the annual Health Plan Employer Data and Information Set (HEDIS) report by the NC DMA and is specific to CSHCN. These measures, in addition to focused care studies, are used to assess quality of care and for reporting to state and federal agencies. Currently, there is not a comparative national mean.

When reviewing these charts, please note that the Total NC Population includes the CSHCN population and those without identified special needs.

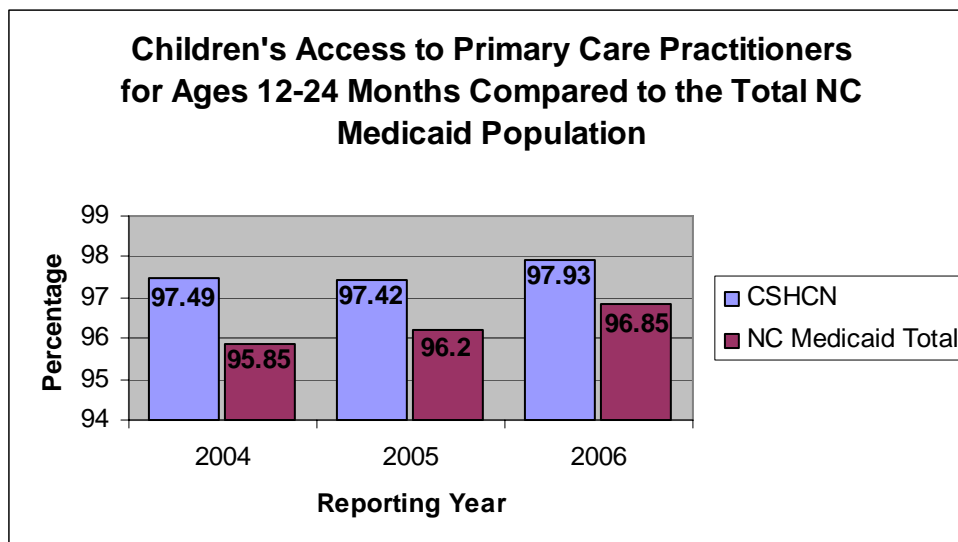


Figure 1: Percent of enrollees 12-24 months who had a visit with a primary care practitioner. This is a comparison of access for CSHCN and the total Medicaid population.

Year 2004 CSHCN n= 7,604 Total Medicaid n= 46,317

Year 2005 CSHCN n= 7,375 Total Medicaid n= 47,036

Year 2006 CSHCN n= 7,065 Total Medicaid n= 48,408

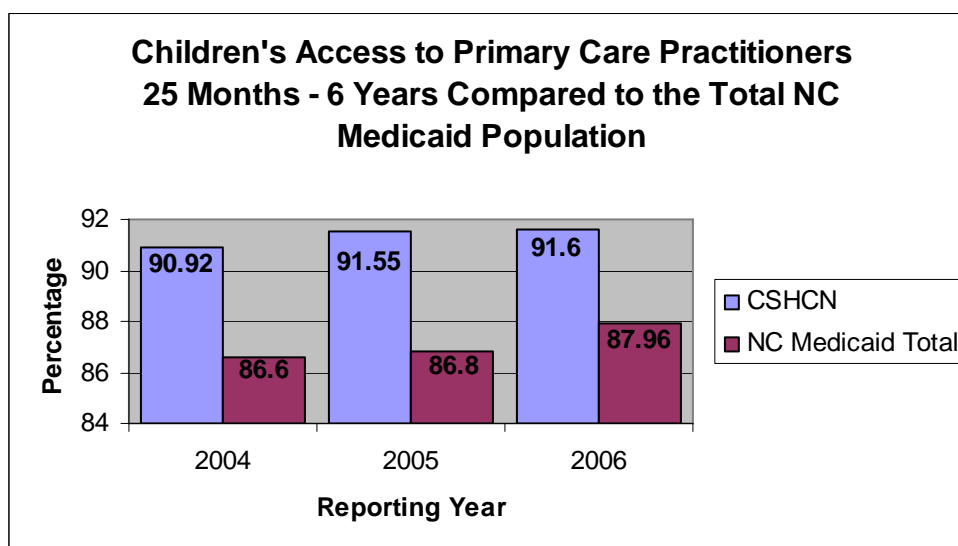


Figure 2: Percent of enrollees who were 25 months to 6 years who had a visit with a primary care practitioner during the reported years. This is a comparison of access for CSHCN and the total Medicaid population.

Year 2004 CSHCN n= 24,921 Total Medicaid n= 161,540

Year 2005 CSHCN n= 25,304 Total Medicaid n= 167,093

Year 2006 CSHCN n= 23,701 Total Medicaid n= 171,170

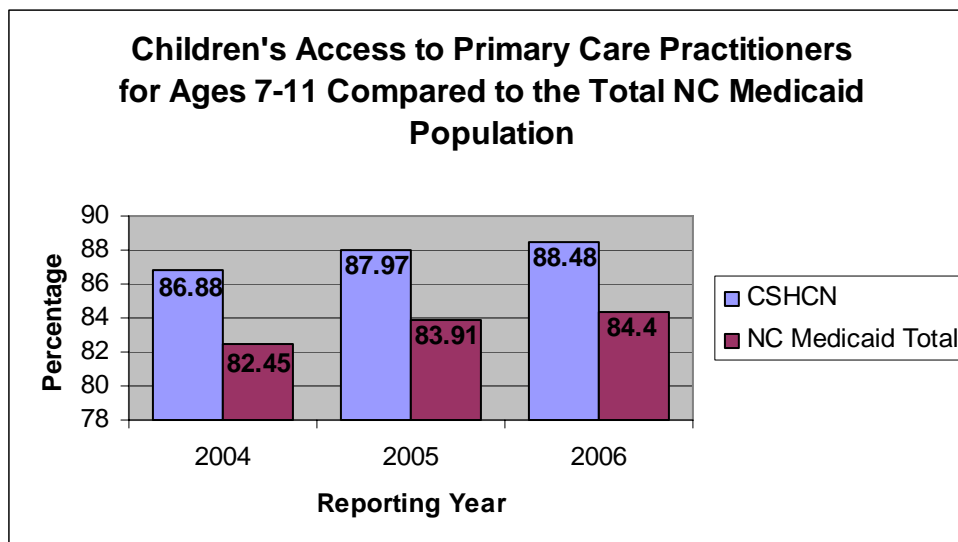


Figure 3: Percent of enrollees who were 7 to 11 years who had a visit with a primary care practitioner during the measurement years. This is a comparison of access for CSHCN and the total Medicaid population.

Year 2004 CSHCN n= 18,819 Total Medicaid n= 93,451

Year 2005 CSHCN n= 18,387 Total Medicaid n= 95,168

Year 2006 CSHCN n= 19,407 Total Medicaid n= 97,355

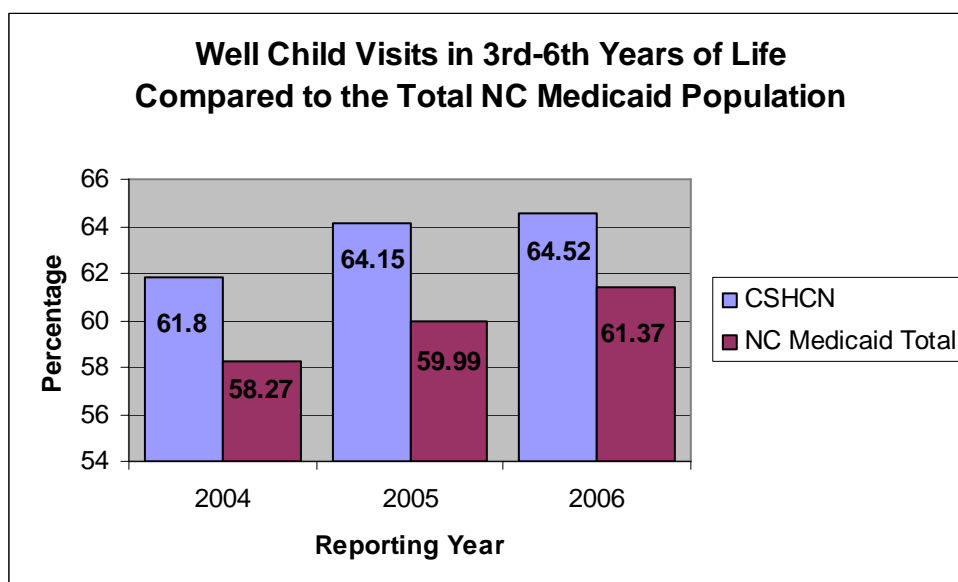


Figure 4: The percentage of members who were three, four, five or six years of age during the measurement year who received one or more well-child visits with a primary care practitioner during the measurement year. This is a comparison of access for CSHCN and the total Medicaid population.

Year 2004 CSHCN n= 19,180 Total Medicaid= n/a

Year 2005 CSHCN n= 19,698 Total Medicaid= 134,330

Year 2006 CSHCN n= 18,932 Total Medicaid= 138,012

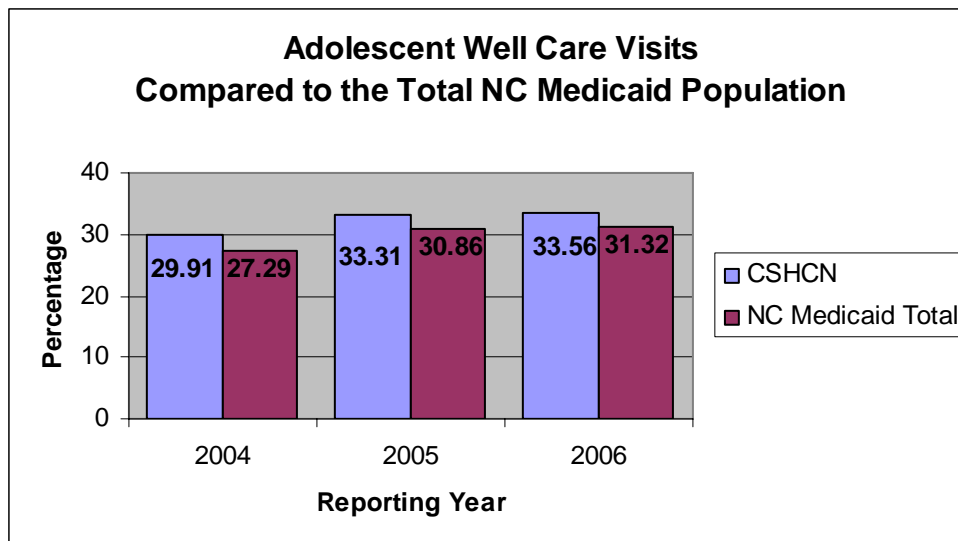


Figure 5: The percentage of enrollees who were 12-21 years of age who had at least one comprehensive well-care visit with a primary care practitioner or an OB/GYN practitioner during the measurement year. This is a comparison for CSHCN and the total Medicaid population.

Year 2004 CSHCN n= 30,893 Total Medicaid= n/a

Year 2005 CSHCN n= 33,529 Total Medicaid= 168,855

Year 2006 CSHCN n= 36,287 Total Medicaid= 175,536